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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Kenji HASHIMOTO ) Group Art Unit: 1732  
)  
Application No.: 09/503,170 ) Examiner: A. Ortiz  
)  
Filed: February 14, 2000 )  
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For: RESIN ENCAPSULATING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
USED IN A MANUFACTURE OF A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated November 29, 2001, the period for response to which extends through January 29, 2002, by petition and payment of the requisite fee filed herewith, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I, claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, and 20, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an apparatus; and

Group II, claims 15 and 18, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I. In view of the Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 16, 17, 19, and 20, which is being filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to examine claims 1-14 on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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